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KING, J. C.

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Conference : 0930, 18 November 1953

J. C. King had just finished a conference with [ ] and [ ] both of [ ] at which he learned that: A. President Galvez, Honduras, had placed an order in the U.S. of \$5-600,000 for various arms and ammunition and that this shipment would be delayed. [ ] indicated that there would be considerable opposition to Galvez in Honduras, particularly in the Congress and, in his opinion, this arms shipment was important to maintain stability and perhaps action could be taken to expedite this purchase. B. [ ] was of the opinion that the situation is ripe now in Guatemala. That there was no need for any extensive psy-warfare program or mechanism, that the people are ready for revolution now and that we should not delay any longer.

It was agreed that [ ] should contact [ ] at once and assign to him the task of locating this purchase order of Galvez in order to bring to bear such pressure as may be necessary to have it expedited and avoid delays.

I briefed JCK on the conference with [ ] on 17 November after the meeting with Mr. Helms, pointing out that [ ] agreed to do the following:

- A. Prepare and sign off on the T/O at once;
- B. Obtain project allotment number;
- C. Determine the possibilities of an extra per diem for [ ]
- D. Establish a meeting for me with the Chairman of CAB to set up Syracuse negotiations;
- E. Clear with Helms the question of [ ] cover in [ ] and to suggest that he [ ] be authorized to place me in contact with [ ] in the office of [ ], who is a close personal friend and official contact of [ ]
- F. Look into my personal military cover to obtain approval for continuation of said cover while assigned to PBSUCCESS.

I informed JC that it was my intention to get started at once in the preparation of assessments and that I would have to call on certain people from his staff for periods of 1-2 weeks in order to accomplish this. He agreed to this.

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